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March 21, 2021

Fifth Sunday in Lent

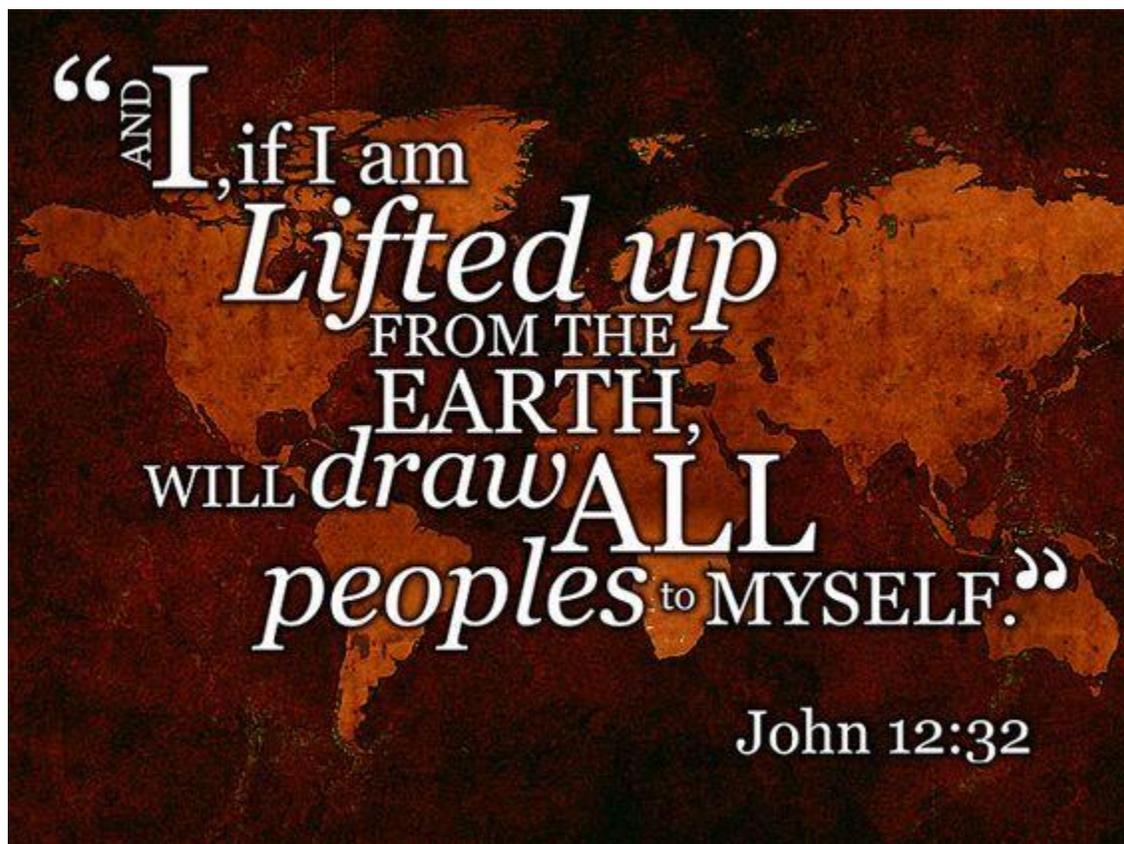
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Listening • Caring • Serving

*Come as you are. All are welcome.*

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# WELCOMING OF GUESTS AND VISITORS

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## GATHERING

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**Prelude**

*Herr Jesu Christ, Dich Zu Uns Wend*

*J. S. Bach*

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## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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### PLEASE STAND AS YOU ARE ABLE

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, the keeper of the covenant, the source of steadfast love, our rock and our redeemer.

C **Amen.**

P God hears us when we cry, and draws us close in Jesus Christ. Let us return to the one who is full of compassion.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P Together we pray,

C **Fountain of living water, pour out your mercy over us. Our sin is heavy, and we long to be free. Rebuild what we have ruined and mend what we have torn. Wash us in your cleansing flood. Make us alive in the Spirit to follow in the way of Jesus, as healers and restorers of the world you so love. Amen.**

P Beloved, God's word never fails. The promise rests on grace: by the saving love of Jesus Christ, the wisdom and power of God, your sins are † forgiven, and God remembers them no more. Journey in the way of Jesus.

C **Amen.**



1 A might - y for - tress is our God, a sword and shield vic -  
4 God's Word for - ev - er shall a - bide, no thanks to foes, who



to - rious; he breaks the cruel op - pres - sor's rod and  
fear it; for God him - self fights by our side with



wins sal - va - tion glo - rious. The old sa - tan - ic foe  
weap - ons of the Spir - it. Were they to take our house,



has sworn to work us woe! With craft and dread - ful might  
goods, hon - or, child, or spouse, though life be wrenched a - way,



he arms him - self to fight. On earth he has no e - qual.  
they can - not win the day. The king - dom's ours for - ev - er!

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **C And also with you.**

P Together we pray,

**C O God, with steadfast love you draw us to yourself, and in mercy you receive our prayers. Strengthen us to bring forth the fruits of the Spirit, that through life and death we may live in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

## WORD

### FIRST READING

*Hebrews 5:5-10*

<sup>5</sup>Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him,

“You are my Son, today I have begotten you”;

<sup>6</sup>as he says also in another place, “You are a priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek.”

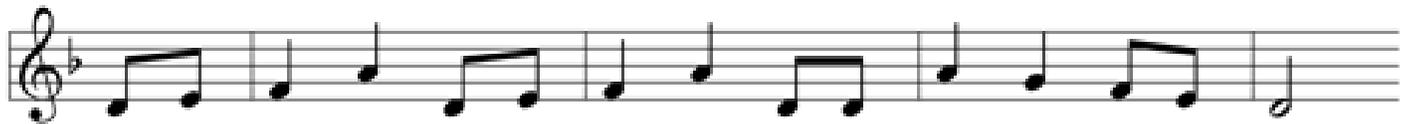
<sup>7</sup>In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. <sup>8</sup>Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; <sup>9</sup>and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, <sup>10</sup>having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

L The word of God.

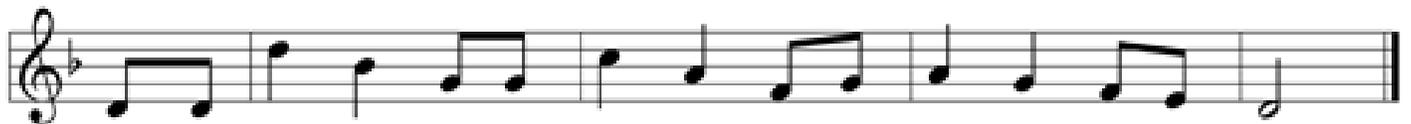
C Thanks be to God.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*ELW Stg10 s198b*



We are turn - ing, Lord, to hear you; you are mer - ci - ful and kind—



slow to an - ger, rich in bless-ing, and with love to us in - clined.

### GOSPEL

*John 12:20-33*

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>20</sup>Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. <sup>21</sup>They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, “Sir, we wish to see Jesus.” <sup>22</sup>Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. <sup>23</sup>Jesus answered them, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. <sup>24</sup>Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. <sup>25</sup>Those who love their life lose it,

and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life.

<sup>26</sup>Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor.

<sup>27</sup>“Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say—‘Father, save me from this hour’? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour.

<sup>28</sup>Father, glorify your name.” Then a voice came from heaven, “I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.” <sup>29</sup>The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, “An angel has spoken to him.”

<sup>30</sup>Jesus answered, “This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. <sup>31</sup>Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. <sup>32</sup>And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.” <sup>33</sup>He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

L The Gospel of our Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

Music Ministry (10:30 am)

*Arioso*

*J.S. Bach*

*Jeff Petersen, saxophone*

SERMON

A MATTER OF THE HEART

PASTOR ARMEN

HYMN

*Our Father, We Have Wandered*

*ELW 606*



1 Our Fa - ther, we have wan - dered and hid - den from your face;  
3 O Lord of all the liv - ing, both ban - ished and re - stored,



in fool-ish-ness have squan - dered your leg - a - cy of grace.  
com - pas-sion-ate, for - giv - ing, and ev - er - car - ing Lord,



But now, in ex - ile dwell - ing, we rise with fear and shame,  
grant now that our trans - gress - ing, our faith - less - ness may cease.



as, dis - tant but com - pel - ling, we hear you call our name.  
Stretch out your hand in bless - ing, in par - don, and in peace.



A Together we pray,

**C Faithful God, you walk beside us in desert places, and you meet us in our hunger with bread from heaven. Accompany us in this meal, that we may pass over from death to life with Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## **GOD'S TABLE OF GRACE**

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P In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

A Together we pray,

**C Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

*Instruction for coming to the table.  
After communion, worship continues*

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

**C Amen.**

A Together we pray,

**C God of steadfast love, at this table you gather your people into one body for the sake of the world. Send us in the power of your Spirit, that our lives bear witness to the love that has made us new in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

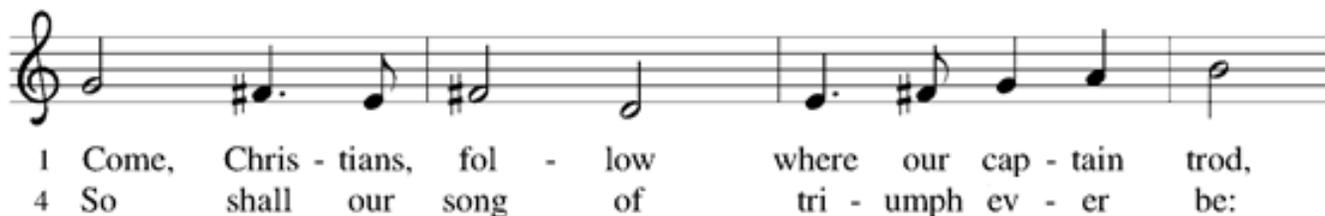
**P** You are what God made you to be: created in Christ Jesus for good works, chosen as holy and beloved, freed to serve your neighbor. God bless you † that you may be a blessing, in the name of the holy and life-giving Trinity.

**C** **Amen.**

**HYMN**

*Lift High the Cross*

*ELW 660*



*Refrain*



## **DISMISSAL**

**P** Go in peace. Journey with Jesus.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude**

*In Dir ist Freude*

*J. S. Bach*

## ***Faith's Weekly Announcements***

*Welcome to all of you attending in person this morning!*  
***Disposable face masks are required and available from an usher.***

### ***Altar Flowers***

The flowers on the altar this week were given by Nancy Smith in celebration of James Person's 21<sup>st</sup> birthday.

### **Special Music Today**

Today marks Johann Sebastian Bach's 336<sup>th</sup> birthday (March 21, 1685 – July 28, 1750). The music played at prelude, postlude and before the sermon were in celebration of this event. Translations of the pieces: Prelude, *Lord Jesus Christ be Present Now*, Postlude, *In Thee is Gladness*.

### **Food Pantry**

We have placed a plastic storage container on the ramp by the back door for your donations to the local food bank, or you can leave them in the box in the narthex. The food bank especially needs canned soups.

### **Looking Ahead...**

The Holy Week schedule is a bit different this year. Please take note of the changes: Maundy Thursday and Good Friday at noon inside. Easter Sunday: 8:30 am sunrise service at the Memorial Garden, 10:30 am inside.

**Attendance last week: 89**

## **WE PRAY FOR...**

Larry Bennett  
Marcia Wilkins  
Rita Wolfe  
Lois Deitrich

Elaine Claussen  
Rick Luckow  
Madison Mougalian  
Linda Schleede

Barb Neilson  
Jackie Magee  
Eric Montesi

### **THIS WEEK AT FAITH**

<b>Every week day morning</b>	6:30 am	AA meets at church
<b>Monday</b>	8:00 pm	AA meets at church
<b>Tuesday</b>	8:00 am	Work Crew
	9:00 am	Lutheran Chicks
<b>Wednesday</b>	Noon	Lenten worship

### **Serving Today**

**Altar Guild:** Mary Lou Fitzgerald & Debby Porter

#### **First Service:**

Lector/ Worship Assistant: Cyndy Hoops

Usher: Jim Hughs

#### **Second Service:**

Lector/ Worship Assistant: Brian Lindhurst

Ushers: Tom Bakker & Debby Porter

### **Electronic Giving**

To contribute to support God's work, you may 1) Scan the QR Code with your phone, or 2) visit our web page <https://alivingfaith.org> and use the "Give" button.



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We are a Stephen Ministry Congregation

Pastor Brian Armen, Cell (814) 248-0133

Secretary: Barbra Davis      Choir Director: Charlene Howe

Organist: Candace Montesi      Custodian: Cyndy Hoops

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**Secretary Office Hours: 9:00 Am – Noon (M-F)**

**PASTOR'S OFFICE: 10:00 – 1:00 (M-TH) AND BY APPOINTMENT**

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*Our Guiding Principle: GOD'S GRACE WINS....*

*As we WORSHIP Jesus as our Lord and Savior*

*As we LOVE one another, welcoming everyone*

*As we SERVE, inspired by the Holy Spirit*

*As a deep FAITH is taught and caught*

*As we make WITNESS and MISSION our life*